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END OF FAMOUS BLYTHE CASE

Supreme Court of the United
States Throws It
Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 30.—The Blythe estate litigation is at last ended. The Supreme Court of the United States at Washington rendered a decision last Monday in favor of the Bankers' Investment Company, the Mutual Savings Bank and the Magees, the present owners of the Blythe block, who had purchased from Mrs. Florence Blythe Moore. The case has been before the Supreme Court five times before during the past twenty-five years, and this defeat of the claimants is the sixth and final one. The litigation checked the plans of the present owners, who contemplated improving the land. The improvements will most likely be undertaken at once, as the land is the most valuable in San Francisco, and the owners will not permit it to remain unproductive.

The Bankers' Investment Company purchased all the land west of the Mutual Bank building for \$2,450,000, including two small pieces which did not belong to the Blythe estate.

The site has a frontage of 331.2 feet on Market street, 40 feet on O'Farrell street, 275 feet on Grant avenue and 278.6 on Geary street. The Mutual Savings Bank had previously purchased from Mrs. Moore 53 feet on Market street through to Geary street, with a frontage of 73.10 3-4 on the latter street. Subsequently the Magees purchased from the Bankers' Investment Company a piece adjoining the Mutual Bank and fronting 48.5 on Market street by 100 feet deep, with 40 feet on Geary street. The Union Trust Company purchased the northeast corner of Market and O'Farrell streets, with 120 feet on Grant avenue, from the Bankers' Investment Company. The corner at Geary street and Grant avenue, 100x100 feet, was leased to Magnin & Co., and the Bankers' Investment Company was to erect a building on the site for the firm. The recent decision clears the way, and building operations are likely to begin on the two corners, at least, in the near future.

The case has become one of the most celebrated and most vexatious in the annals of jurisprudence. Thomas H. Blythe died in 1882, leaving an estate amounting to about \$4,000,000, and including the most valuable block of land in San Francisco. His daughter, Florence Blythe, was declared the legal heir to the estate, after much litigation. Other claimants sued for their share of the estate and continued the litigation for twenty-five years. Claimants appeared singly and in groups. The most persistent of them proved the set called the Liverpool Blythes, incorporated as the Blythe Company and led by George W. Towle of San Francisco. He managed to keep his case in the courts, State and Federal, in his efforts to secure a slice of the estate, until the final decision was rendered.

LUSITANIA'S FINE RUN.

The performance of the Lusitania on her second westward trip is a highly creditable one and shows this vessel to be possessed of great capabilities in the matter of speed. She has again lowered the time of the passage between Queenstown and New York and in doing this she has beaten the best previous records in regard to average speed and a day's run. On the second and third day out she made the remarkable runs of six hundred and eight and six hundred and seventeen knots respectively and her hourly average of the trip was twenty-four knots. This was accomplished despite adverse conditions of weather on part of the passage. Under the circumstances it is possible that no attempt was made to put the steamer to her best speed, but it is not improbable that it was intended that some effort should be made to beat the best hourly average and day's run. This was successfully accomplished by a very fair margin, and under ordinary good conditions of weather this steamer may show much greater speed. Whether steamers of the size and speed of the Lusitania may or may not be economical of operation there is no doubt the results attained by them will tend to stimulate emulation on the part of competing lines. The question, however, is yet to be solved whether through the adoption of the high speed turbine the expense of the quicker voyage would be offset in a great measure by that of the longer voyage of the other larger steamers. The three trips of the Lusitania are not sufficient to furnish reliable data upon which to base any calculation of this kind. It is after all largely a matter of coal consumption, as the expense apparently in other respects is not much, if any greater, in this steamer than that of the larger of the new liners which have of late been put into the transatlantic service.—N. Y. Maritime Register.

They are telling of another girl who used to faint when her father said "has went," but who blushes with pride over certain letters she is receiving with that oh-be-joyful word in them spelled "luv."

The happiness of the Lysander John Appleton family is again threatened. Someone recently presented Mrs. Appleton with one of those thermometers you place under your tongue, and she keeps busy chasing the members of the family all over the house to see if they have any fever.

Should a woman shake hands with a man heartily, or should she put a limp hand in yours and make you feel that you ought to drop it as soon as possible? When we shake hands with some women, they make us feel as if we had been trying to flirt with them.

AMERICAN CROPS FOR FOREIGN GOLD

This Is One of the Most Hopeful Features of the Situation.

CHICAGO, October 29.—The break in the price of wheat today brought large European orders for immediate shipment—200,000 bushels of red winter wheat being sold here today for shipment to the East. Chicago bankers regard this movement as significant of the powerful aid which the West is bringing to the financial situation. They say that if the movement of the great staple continues to grow the obligations to this country created abroad will be so large that it will be impossible for European banks to retain their gold even by fixing discount rates at the maximum.

NEW YORK, October 29.—The enormous influence which American products are exerting in building up a credit balance abroad was the most signal development of the financial situation today. Reports from all quarters show that the great American staples—wheat, cotton, copper, tobacco, oil, meat—are on their way to Europe, this being the season of the year when American products are marketed abroad. The immediate effect of these shipments is to give the United States credit abroad which can be speedily converted into cash. These natural resources of the country promise to exert even greater influence than the sale of American securities abroad.

The foreign sales of a million pounds of copper yesterday were supplemented today by reports of similar heavy exports, today's shipments alone giving a foreign credit of \$14,000,000. The shipments of tobacco to Europe this year promise to break all records. Europe will pay over \$100,000,000 for this tobacco, and much of this money will soon be available in this market, as the contracts with European importers call for immediate payment on delivery.

MORE GOLD FROM ABROAD.

Several favorable events marked the close of the financial day in New York. The engagement of \$2,000,000 in gold by the first National Bank of Chicago and of \$500,000 by a Boston bank brought the total gold engagement up to close to \$20,000,000 in spite of the cancellation of an order for \$900,000 by the Russo-Chinese bank. The raising of German bank rates in order to prevent America from drawing German gold produces little effect on the situation here, as none of the gold engagements thus far have been made in Germany. While money at the stock exchange was loaning during most of the day at high rates it fell near the close of 6 per cent. offers of several million dollars at that rate being made by a number of the leading banks.

Comparative calm reigned among New York bankers. They all realized that the pressure for money was not over, but they felt generally that unreasonable panic was at an end and they would be able to meet reasonable demands for currency. These demands are coming in considerable amounts from the West and South in order to obtain money to move crops, and it is feared that the sections where the movement is largest may be more or less hampered in their efforts to obtain funds. The general refusal to pay cash for hoarding in the West and South, as well as in New York, it is believed, will prevent undue absorption of currency and permit the employment of what is available in the most effective manner.

The large banks of this city are gaining deposits from the banks which have been under suspicion, and this tends in a measure to concentrate money where it can be used most effectively; but, on the other hand, it creates debit balances at the clearing-house against the banks which are losing deposits which are not always easy for them to meet without sharply curtailing their loans, even with the assistance of clearing-house certificates.

The runs upon the banks are practically over. Persons who present large checks and ask for their payment in currency are invited to consult the bank officials. In cases where their need for currency is evidently legitimate they usually receive it; in cases where it is sought for hoarding, they are usually convinced that the money is better off in the bank, or that they should accept certified checks for deposit elsewhere.

The Trust Company of America in the course of business today received deposits amounting to \$1,083,000, and paid out \$478,000, making a net increase in the bank's funds of \$605,000 for the day. This means that there has been an increase of \$2,000,000 since Saturday night in the resources of the institution over and above what was paid out. There were 338 depositors today. The arrival of nearly \$2,000,000 in gold, it is believed, will considerably relieve the situation, and perhaps make call money a little lower on the Stock Exchange.

STOCKS FOR CASH ONLY.

It was announced today that several of the banks which were compelled to suspend last week have perfected their plans to reopen for business. President Montgomery of the Hamilton Bank, a Harlem institution, which closed last week, said today: "This bank will resume business in a few days, not later than Monday next, in any event. I understand, also, that the Twelfth Ward Bank will resume in a few days."

The runs on the Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Company continued today, but in diminished volume. Business in the stock market today was reduced to a cash basis, which had the effect of curtailing sales, but it brought about a healthier condition. Prices dropped all along the line, partly because of the cash rule.

Aside from New York, all points showed a considerable improvement. In New England there was no sign of serious unrest, and the recent disturbance in Rhode Island is practically over. No failure was recorded at any point throughout the country. It should be borne in mind in this connection that there are over 12,500 banks in the United States, and that the number of institutions which have recently failed is of insignificant proportions as compared with this total. It was pointed out today that the failure of a minor bank is immediately known from end to end of the country, whereas the public overlooks the fact that some 12,500 banks are open for business as usual, and that not one of the really important banking institutions anywhere has shown the slightest sign of unsoundness.

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On the whole, the banking community takes a favorable view of the outlook and is practically encouraged in the large foreign credit secured through enormous shipments of American products.

GOLD TO PAY FOR PROVISIONS.

CHICAGO, October 29.—James H. Forgan, president of the First National Bank, said the most singular event